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A Great leader passes away

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II, the Muslih Mauood, may God be pleased with him, passed away on the 8th of November, 1965. Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi rajioon. His coming into the world was described by God in a revelation as the coming of God Himself and his life as one of the most successful and full of blessings. His passing out of this world was also foretold in the prophecies given to the Promised Messiah, to take place at a time when he would have accomplished his task most creditably. And who can doubt that every moment that he lived was a blessing personified and His demise a great loss to the whole world. As for the success of his mission, even the most biased person would readily admit that he was able to achieve what the greatest of the living men and the largest of the groups could not do. The banner of Islam is now flying higher and in all the nooks and corners of the world. Translations of the Holy Quran in various languages of the world, Commentaries on the Holy Quran, literature on almost every aspect of Islam, new mosques in the heart of Europe as well as well as in most of the countries of the world, a host of missionaries who are fully trained and satisfactorily equipped for the propagation of Islam, educational institutions in Pakistan and many African territories—all these will always live as a lustrous memento of his sincere struggle for the uplift of the Muslims and spread of Islam. He is no more with us physically, but he will always live in our hearts and in the hearts of all the generations coming after us. People like him do not enter this world but rarely and whenever such a person comes to this world, he chages its face and leaves it much better than he found it. May God bless his soul and may his ideals live for ever.

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It was in the early hours of 8th of November that the citizens of Rabwah learnt of his passing away and no sooner did they hear of this sad news than they started gatherhing at his residence where they were received by his son—Hazrat Sahibzada Mirza Nasir Ahmad—(now with the grace of God, the third Khalifa of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him). The news was also telephoned and tele-

graphed to as many Jamaats in the country as possible. The Radio Pakistan was good enough to braodcast the seriousness of his illness a day bofore and his demise on the 8th. All the Ahmadis all over the world are greatly thankful to the the authorities of the Radio Pakistan for this courtesy of theirs. Within an hour or so the members of the Jamaat started coming from other stations and it was estimated by the national newspapers' representatives that no less than 60,000 men attended his Janaza prayer which was held at the Bahishti Maqbara at 5 p.m. the next day. A large number of women and children had also come to pay their last respect to their beloved leader and to have a glimpse of his sacred face. He was kept in state for two days (one day and a half, to be very exact) and no less than a hundred thousand men, women and children had a last look at him, with sorrow in their hearts and unending tears in their eyes. When his sacred body was to be carried to the Bahishti Maqbara, the whole route was lined up by the Companions of the Promised Messiah, the Ahmadiyya Missionaries, Foreign students, Office bearers of Majalis Ansarulla, Khuddamul Ahmadiyya, Tahrik-i-Jadid, Waqfi Jadid, members of the Jamaats in Pakistan. The Janaza procession started at 2.45 p.m. and reached the appointed place at 4.45 p.m. where Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad (who had been since elected as the third Khalifa) led the Janaza prayer with six Takbirs. After the Janaza prayer, the body was carried by the members of the family of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, to the grave within the enclosure. The burial was completed at 6-30 p.m. and a silent prayer was led by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III.

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After the Isha prayer on the 8th of November, (the day Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II passed away) the electoral college for the election of the Khilafat met in the Masjid Mubarak under the chairmanship of Hazrat Mirz Aziz Ahmad Sahib, the Nazir Aala (Chief Secretary to Hazrat Khalifatul Masih) and elected, with a huge majority, Hazrat Sahibzada Mirza Nasir Ahmad as the third Khalifatul Masih. The election was so cool and calm and full of blessings that nobody thought of anything but the continuation of the institution of Khilafat—whoever might be elected as Khlifa. As soon as the result of the election was announced, all those present shouted with one voice "accept our Baiat please" and

that brought Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III to the niche of the mosque where he first repeated the pledge of Khilafat and then accepted the Baiat of the members of the electoral college.

Thousands of members of the Jammat who had gathered outside the mosque to wait for the result also wanted him to accept their Baiat without any further delay. It was a great occasion and the scene can better be imgained than described. Everybody seemed to be in the grips of the Angels of God with a heart full of joy and a determination to pledge his loyalty to the new Khalifa. The people outside the mosque were called in and all of them got the opportunity of taking Baiat at his hand—some directly at his hand, others touching those who had given their hands in his hand. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III also shook hands and embraced almost all the members of the electoral college and stopped embracing the people only when it had become humanly speaking impossible for him to continue doing that.

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Thus ushered the era of the third Khilafat in the Ahmadiyya Jamaat with great joy and sincere prayers for future of the Community.

The staff of the *Tahrik-i-Jadid Monthly* send their condolences to all the members of the family of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, on the sad demise of Hazrat Khalifatul Massih II.

We also pledge our sincere and unflinching loyalty to Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III to whom we should also like to give assurance of our determination to serve Islam under his guidance to the best of our abilities.

THE MESSIAH'S PROMISED SON

Hazrat Amirul Momineen Khalifatul Masih II, may God be pleased with him, was the promised Son of the Promised Messiah peace be on him, who was to cause the spread of Islam all over the world. Through him the nations of the world were to be blessed and those spiritually dead were to receive life. What the prophecy about the promised Son meant and how it came to pass, is described below in his own words. This excerpt is taken from his preface to the Commentary of the Holy Quran which is also published in a book from under the title 'Introduction to the Study of the Holy Quran.' Editor.

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When the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement died in 1908, his opponents declared that the Movement would die a natural death. The Ahmadiyya Community, however, combined, in accordance with Islamic principles, to elect the late Maulvi Nur-ud-Din as the First Khalifa. During the first Khilafat some members of the Community who had been affected by Western ideas began to be critical of the institution of Khilafat. Their views found some support among a certain section of the community with the result that when Maulwi Nur-ud-Din died in 1914, a vigorous and concerted effort was made by this section to abolish the institution of Khilafat altogether. I, who am the Son of Ahmad, the Promised Messiah and Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement, was then only twentyfive years of age and was utterly devoid of all material resources. The executive organisation of the community was dominated by the section who had revolted against the institution of Khilafat. A very large majority of those members of the Community who were then present at Qadian and who were described as a mob by those who were in revolt against the Khilafat were determined that they would maintain the Institution in accordance with the principles laid down in the Quran and they insisted that I should take upon myself the burdens and responsibilities of the office of Khalifa. In these circumstances I agreed to accept the allegiance of the Community as the Second Khalifa and in that capacity began to serve the Community, Islam and humanity. Since the majority of those who were regarded as holding leading positions in the Community were opposed to the institution of Khilafat, the Community was faced with a crisis. Outsiders began to speculate that the dissolution of the Community and its dis-integration was a matter of only a few days. At that time God revealed to me that He would succour me and give me victory and create dissension among the ranks of my powerful opponents and would break them. A great miracle then came to pass. The majority of those who were regarded as educated and experienced section of the Commuty deserted it in the hour of its trial. Those who were regarded as men of substance and influence withdrew from it Those who were looked upon as the intellect of the Community were cut

off from it. Those who had revolted from the Khilafat began to proclaim that since the direction of the affairs of the Community had been committed into the hands of an inexperienced youth, the Movement would soon disintegrate. But the decrees of Him, Who had revealed the Quran and Who is the Author of the spiritual universe in accordance with the laws of which the world is progressing and Who had revealed to Ahmad, the Promised Messiah and Mahdi that within nine years from 1884 he would be blessed with a son who would, under the Grace and Mercy of God, be known unto the ends of the earth and who would through the propagation of Islam become the instrument of the release of those held in bondage and of bringing into life those that were spiritually dead, were fulfilled and His word was exalted. Everyday that dawned brought with it fresh factors that contributed to my success and every day that departed left behind elements that hastend the failure of my opponents. God thus made me instrument of the spread of the Ahmadiyya Movement in all parts of the earth. At each step He has blessed me with His guidance and on numerous occasions He has honoured me with revelation. Then the day arrived when He revealed to me that I was the Promised Son, the tidings of whose advent had been proclaimed by the Promised Messiah in 1884, five years before my birth. From that day the volume of God's support and succour began to swell even faster and today Ahmadiyya Missionaries are fighting the battles of Islam in every continent. The Quren, which had become like a closed book in the hands of the Muslims, has again been made an open book for us by God through blessings of the Holy Prophet and the instrumentality of the Promised Messiah. Fresh sources of knowledge are revealed to us through it. Whenever any teaching or doctrine contained in the Quran is made the target of criricism on the basis of some new scientific development, God reveals to me the true answer contained in the Quran. We have been chosen as instrument for elevating the banner of the dominion of the Quran. Deriving faith and certainty from the words and revelations of God we are demonstrating the superiority of the Quran to the world. Compared with resources of the world our resources are pitiful. Yet we are assured that in spite of the severest opposition, the dominion of the Quran will be finally established. The sun may move out of its course, the stars may leave their appointed places, the earth may stop in its revolution but nothing and nobody can now obstruct the victory of Islam and the Holy Prophet. The dominion of the Quran will be established once more. Men will turn away from the worship of other men and of gods which they have fashioned with their own hands and will bow down in worship to the One God. In spite of the fact that the trend of human society appears to be in directions opposed to the teachings of the Quran, the Kingdom of Islam will be establishd again and so firmly that men will find it impossible to shake its foundations. God has sown a beneficent seed in the wilderness of the world that has been laid waste by Satan, and I proclaim that this seed will germinate and shoot up in the from of a tree which will spread and bring forth abundant fruit. The souls that aspire to soar high and are animated by longing to be united with God shall one day be roused and weaned from dreams of material prosperity and will be inspired with a passion to alight on the branches of this tree. All disorder shall then disappear and all travail shall be brought to an end. God's Kingdom shall be re-established on earth and

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WHAT WE DO?

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An extract from a speech of Sahibzada Mirza Mubarak Ahmad, Vakil-i-A'ala (& Vakil ut Tabshir) at Bandung, Indonesia in July, 1963. *(Editor)*

In West Africa we have our missions in Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Togoland, Ivory Coast and Gambia where vocal Ahmadi communities exist and are actively engaged in practising and preaching Islam.

The budget of our Ghana Mission alone for the year 1963-64 amounted to £67636 or Rs. 800,000-. This will give you an idea of the amount of money which our Missions are spending in the cause of Islam and the nature of sacrifices which they are making for it.

Our Nigeria Mission has been vitally instrumental in putting the Muslim community on the road to progress, The Daily Herald of Nigeria has lauded our contribution towards the reform of the Nigerian Muslim Community. In its issue of August 19, 1955 it says :

'If past attempts at reform have misfired, what of the ocular demonstration—the changed position of Muslim countrymen. They were the most backward community up to some 30 years ago, but since the Ahmadis started their progressive campaign wonderful changes have been wrought among them'.

Appreciating the services of the Ahmadiyya Mission particularly in the sphere of the literature which it has produced, the prime Minister of Nigeria, Al-Haj Abu Bakr once said that whenever he had any occasion to argue a point with Christians, Ahmadiyya literature always came to his help and in that respect there was no other literature on which he could place such reliance.

To offset the influence of Christian Mission which it exerted on the African community through offering them medical aid, the Ahmadiyya Mission has also started some dispensaries in Nigeria, Sierra leone and Ghana which are giving quite good result,

As in Ghana and Nigeria our Mission in Sierra Leone has also done commendable service in the cause of Islam. In appreciation of our work, the Hon'ble M.S. Mustafa Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Sierra Leone, once said, "The Ahmadiyya Jama'at is the mainstay of Islam in this country. It has rendered matchless service in the cause of Islam which has no equal in the past centuries. It has produced a literature which presents the true picture of Islam and which can be profitably used by any Muslim to confute Christian criticism. I am thankful to the Ahmadiyya from the bottom of my heart and wish that every Muslim should co-operate with them in their good work".

Our missions in Togoland and Ivory Coast have only recently been established. Throngh them we are reclaiming to Islam the African Muslims who had gone over to Christianity under the impact of French rule subsisting there for the last one hundred years.

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God's love shall again become man's more valuable treasure. This revolution shall usher in an era of peace and order. All efforts to bring peace to world and to remove disorder which are at variance with these principles shall be brought to nought.

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